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Applicant(s): Williams

Application No.: 10/568,520

Filed: 9/19/2006

Title: Dry Chemical System for Extinguishing Difficult
Fuel or Flammable Liquid Fires in an Industrial Tank w/
Roof Creating Space Above the Liquid(PCT50197)

Art Unit:

3752

Examiner:

Christopher S. Kim

Attorney Docket No.: 50262

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONMailed 4/15/09Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

In response to the election/restriction requirement of the above referenced Action, applicant elects the Group I invention and agrees to be restricted to claims 1-3, 5-30, 32-35, drawn to a method and apparatus.

Further, in response to the requirement to elect a single species, to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is found held to be allowable, applicant elects the "roof vent," Species B. The Examiner has deemed claims 1-12, 14-18, 20-30 and 32-35 to correspond to Species B. (The Examiner has noted that claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 17, 25 and 32 as generic.) Applicant accepts the Examiner's deemed correspondence of claims.

Should there remain unresolved issues that require action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Sue Z. Shaper, Applicants' Attorney at 713 550 5710 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date

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